

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

--A balance management system includes a server, database (DB), and components for acquiring, updating, and providing information. The DB manages a balance of a balance item and a correspondence between the balance of the balance item and a balance amount of a process item. An information acquiring component acquires information on the process item and the balance amount for the process item, from a first terminal corresponding to each process. An information updating component updates the information on the balance of the balance item corresponding to the process item, on the basis of the information on the correspondence managed by the DB and the information on the process item and the balance amount acquired by the information acquiring component. An information providing component provides a second terminal with the information on the balance item and the balance for processes managed by the DB.--